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MEMORANDUM

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February 9, 1983

FROM: John Miley

SUBJECT: U-a/U-b Tract Inspection

<u>Personnel Present:</u>	Jim Goff	WRSOC	John Miley	OSO
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Primary Purpose of Inspection: MiningActivities:

The decline was advanced to 540'. The invert had been concreted and the entire roof and ribs had been shotcreted. The 16' vent raise had been shotcreted throughout. Concreting of the collar remains to be completed as weather warms.

The decline to date is a beautiful piece of mine development. The mining machine is proving successful through the hard siltstones. Major advantages of use of the mining machine: 1) more stable ground than with conventional blasting, 2) smooth walls for better airways.

Studies were being made for grouting of the Birds Nest Zone. The Birds Nest will be the weakest ground encountered and contains water. Successful grouting will help to stabilize the ground and seal the ground from major water inflow.

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